

ST. HELENA



PARISH

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History¹

St. Helena, one of the Florida Parishes, was established on December 22, 1810. The early settlers were French and Spanish, but later English traders and Revolutionary War settlers from Georgia, the Carolinas, and Virginia came to this lush territory.

Culture and Recreation³

St. Helena Parish is located a few minutes off Interstate 55, which enters the state in the area described as the “toe” of Louisiana. Pine forests scent the air at the St. Helena Forest Festival held in

Greensburg the last Saturday in August. The Amite River forms the western boundary of the parish and the Tickfaw flows along the eastern side. Louisiana Highway 10, once known as the Choctaw Trail, crosses the parish and is a beautiful scenic drive. Visit the Old Jail and the original Florida Parish Land Office, located in the parish seat of Greensburg. Inspiration Park, near Kentwood, offers camping and meditation facilities.



Parish Seat¹ Greensburg¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 9,874

1997 (estimate) 9,715

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 46%

African American 54%

Other 0%

Male 48%

Female 52%

Population age 0-4 8%

Populations age 65 & over 12%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation 223 ft.

Land area in square miles 408.4



Water area in square miles⁴ 1.1

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual 6°

January 56.9°

July 82°

Annual average rainfall 55.7 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian 4,130

Employed 3,800

Unemployed 330

Unemployment 7.9%

Agriculture¹

Forestry

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

Southeastern Louisiana University,

Hammond

Public Libraries⁵ 1

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	7.1%
High school graduate or higher	57.6%
Some college or higher	22.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7.7%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. (Eggs/Chicken Farm)	50
Southland Steel Fabricators (Steel Fabrication)	45
Paw Davis Sawmill (Lumber)/Amerchol (Quarternium)	35

Public Employers

St. Helena Parish School Board (Education)	246
St. Helena Parish Hospital (Medical)	184
St. Helena Parish Police Jury (Government)	89

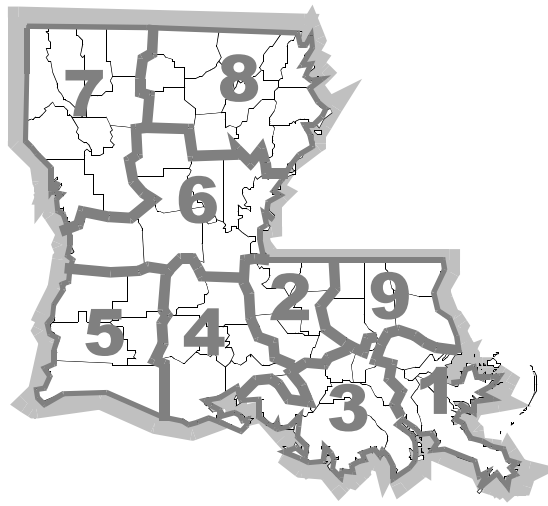
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	27.2%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	36.6%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$14,270



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**Louisiana Administrative Regions -
Department of Health and Hospitals**



Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington